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In re Appln. of: Satoru Adachi et al.

Appln. No.: 10/658,190

Filed: September 10, 2003

For: VIDEO ENCODING METHOD,
VIDEO DECODING METHOD,
VIDEO ENCODING APPARATUS,
VIDEO DECODING APPARATUS,
VIDEO ENCODING PROGRAM,
AND VIDEO DECODING
PROGRAM

Examiner: Couso, Yon Jung

Art Unit: 2624

Attorney Docket No: 9683/259

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

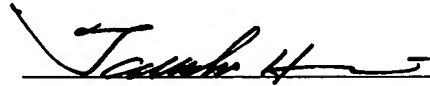
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Dear Sir:

In reply to the restriction/election requirement dated December 14, 2006,
Applicants elect to prosecute Group II (claims 13-20) without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 19, 2007



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